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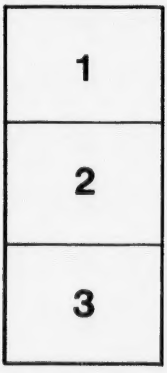

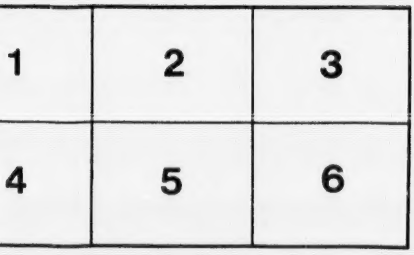

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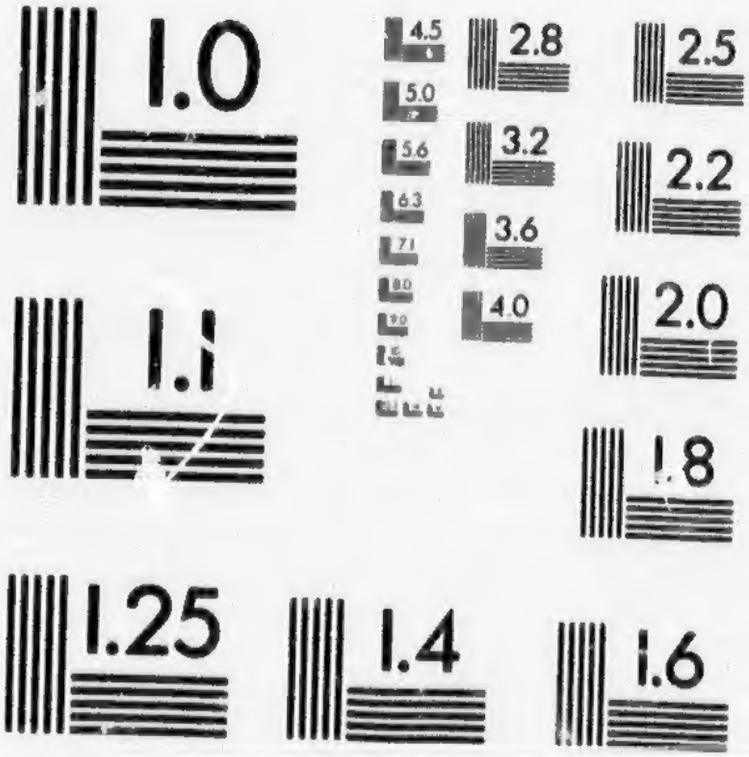

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OTTAWA, 9TH MARCH, 1887.

SIR,

I beg leave to submit, for your information, the accompanying copy of a Petition to the Legislature of Ontario from QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION, and I wish to direct your particular attention to the facts therein brought out.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

SANDFORD FLEMING,
President Q. U. E. Association.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of Ontario:

The petition of

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION

Humbly sheweth:

That His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, in his speech at the opening of the Legislature, on the tenth of February last, made special reference to the Universities of the Province, and gave expression to the intention of the Government to submit a measure for extending their usefulness;

That your petitioners are deeply interested in the maintenance and prosperity of Queen's University, Kingston;

That Queen's University, under the Royal charter granted by Queen Victoria, in the early years of Her Majesty's reign, provides for and embraces a complete course of literary and scientific education;

That the founders of Queen's University, at a period in the history of Canada when there was a perfectly free choice of localities, selected Kingston on account of its central and salubrious position;

That two years ago, on all the constituents of Queen's University being specially and individually consulted, they unanimously determined that Queen's should remain permanently at Kingston carrying on University work;

That the charter of Queen's is older than any other existing provincial University charter;

That, for nearly half a century, this institution at Kingston has taught general literature and science to all on equal terms;

That in an early address of its founders, issued to the public in 1839, the doors of Queen's were opened to all the youth of the country without distinction of creed, or class, or race; that from the first day of the establishment of Queen's this broad principle has never been de-

parted from, and that at the present time the Arts, Science and Medical classes alike rank among their students in attendance, Anglicans, Romanists, Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians;

That Queen's University draws students from every part of Ontario, but more especially, owing to geographical proximity, from the following Towns and from the several Counties in which these Towns are situated:

Ottawa,	Cornwall,	Belleville,
Carleton Place,	Williamstown,	Trenton,
Renfrew,	Deseronto,	Picton,
Pembroke,	Gananoque,	Napanee,
Almonte,	Iroquois,	Peterboro',
Smith's Falls,	Morrisburg,	Lindsay,
Perth,	Brockville,	Kingston.

That the whole of Eastern Ontario is deeply concerned in the prosperity of Queen's University;

That a large and valuable property has been acquired at Kingston; that new, commodious and permanent buildings have been erected with funds furnished by the citizens of Kingston for the University; that the Municipality of the City of Kingston, together with twelve County Councils have unanimously passed resolutions in its support;

That Queen's University counts among its friends the great mass of the population from which the students are chiefly drawn;

That your petitioners learn with great satisfaction that the extension of University education is engaging the attention of the Government, and it is their earnest desire that the public importance of Queen's should be well known and duly considered;

That it has been publicly announced that additional revenues are required from the Province for carrying on University work in Toronto; that while your petitioners entertain the most friendly feeling towards Toronto University as a sister institution and sincerely wish it every possible prosperity, they trust they may point out that so far as Queen's is doing the same kind of work as Toronto University, and doing it equally as well, she establishes the strongest claim to receive recognition in some form;

That the work done of a purely public character by both institutions may be fairly measured by the number of students in the ARTS classes where general Literature and Science are taught;

That during the session of 1885-6 the under-graduates and other students attending ARTS classes in Queen's and University College, Toronto, were respectively as follows:

	Under-graduates.	Others attending Arts classes.	Totals.
University College, Toronto...	321	141	462
Queen's College, Kingston....	160	107	267

That your petitioners have been unable to obtain the number of students attending Toronto University during the present session; that the returns when made out will in all probability show an increase; that in the case of Queen's the increase this session is marked; that the number of under-graduates attending has risen from 160 to 181, and that the total number of students enrolled is 367;

That since the first establishment of University College, Toronto, the total number of students who have graduated in ARTS (B.A. and M.A.) is 909, and that since the first establishment of Queen's University the total number of students who have graduated in ARTS (B.A. and M.A.) is 498;

That according to the calendars for the present session, issued by the authorities of both institutions, the total numbers of graduates of al kinds, from first to last are as follows, viz:

Graduated at University College, Toronto, total.....	1,041
Graduated at Queen's University, Kingston, total.....	887

That these statistics, obtained from official sources in both cases, will convey to your Honourable House a correct idea of the important work being done for the community by the two Universities at Toronto and Kingston;

That, however, the two institutions are doing their work under entirely different circumstances; forasmuch as the University at Toronto is and has always been wholly supported by public funds, the University at Kingston has had to depend on local aid and the generous support of its numerous friends;

That while your petitioners fully recognise the high value of Toronto University, they claim that Queen's University occupies a scarcely less important place in the intellectual and moral development of the community; that, therefore, while your petitioners would deeply regret to see Toronto University crippled in her noble work for want of sufficient revenue, they would equally deplore to see Queen's University left wholly unrecognized. In the opinion of your petitioners it is of the highest importance to the whole community that so marked an instance of local and private effort should be fostered and recognized;

That as the ARTS teaching at Kingston is identical in character with the University teaching at Toronto, it would be wise, reasonable and just, when further public assistance is granted for the extension of Toronto University, in some way to aid in extending the teaching of Science and Arts at Kingston, and that the amount of aid so granted should bear such an equitable proportion to the additional expenditure at Toronto as the number of ARTS students at the one University bears to the number of ARTS students at the other;

WHEREFORE your petitioners humbly pray that in any measure relating to the Universities, justice may be done to Eastern Ontario and to the many thousands of people whose private means go to the support Queen's University, and that in the event of the Endowment of Toronto University being increased, a proportionate expenditure be made, in connection with Queen's University at Kingston;

And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray;

On behalf of
Queen's University
Endowment Association.

SANDFORD FLEMING,
President.
R. VASHON ROGERS,
Honorary Secretary.

March 1st, 1887.